

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Continuation of

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For: TEST APPARATUS FOR ASSAYING A COMPONENT IN A LIQUID SAMPLE

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

**Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:**

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

now usp 6,299,838

This is a Continuation of Application No. 08/726,170 filed October 4, 1996, the

disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

**On page 1, please replace the first paragraph with the following paragraph:**

The present invention relates to a test apparatus which is used for assaying a specific component contained in a liquid sample, especially a blood sample such as whole blood and serum, and a body fluid such as urine and cerebrospinal fluid by a color reaction. More particularly, the present invention relates to a test apparatus using reflected light as a measuring means.